IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

In re Application of

Heath et al.

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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2000 in the subject application the date for response hereby extended to include today's date by petition and payment of the proper fee herewith.

Kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the specification as follows.

Page 16, line 1, kindly delete "Antigua strain of Y.

pestis" and replace with --pigmentation negative derivative

(Pgm $^{-}$ ) of Y. Pestis CO92" --.

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